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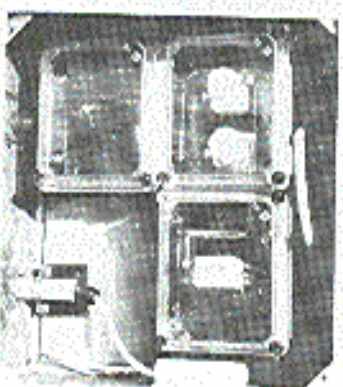
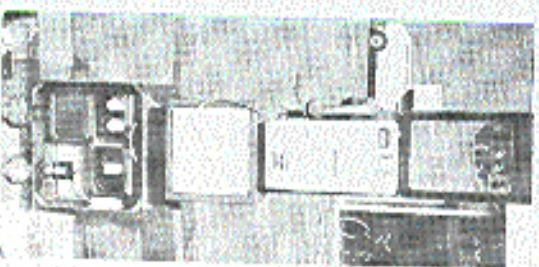
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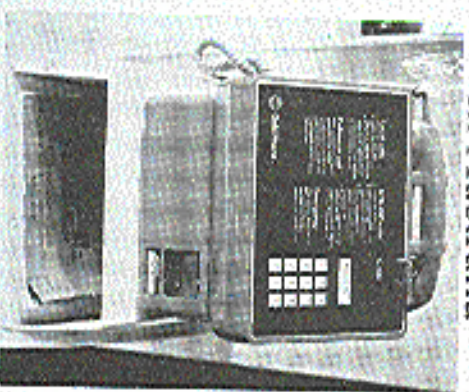
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A year ago, we told the stories of Kevin Mitnick and Herbert Zinn, two hackers who had been sent to prison. It was then, and still is today, a very disturbing chain of events: mischief makers and experts imprisoned for playing with the wrong toys and for asking too many questions. We said at the time that it was important for all hackers to stand up to such gross injustices. After all, they couldn't look us all up.

It now appears that such an endeavor may indeed be on the agendas of some very powerful U.S. governmental agencies. And even more frightening is the realization that these agencies don't particularly care who or what gets swept up along with the hackers, as long as all of the hackers get swept up. Apparently, we're considered even more of a threat than we had previously supposed.

In retrospect, this doesn't come as a great deal of a surprise. In fact, it now seems to make all too much sense. You no longer have to be paranoid or of a particularly political mindset to point to the many parallels that we've all been witnesses to,

Censorship, clampdowns, "voluntary" wire tests, lie detectors, handwriting analysis, surveillance cameras, exaggerated crises that invariably lead to curtailed freedoms.... All of this together with the overall view that if you're innocent, you've got nothing to hide. And all made so much more effective through the magic of high tech. Who would you target as the biggest potential troublemaker if not the people who understand the technology at work? It appears the biggest threats to the system are those capable of manipulating it.

What we're about to tell you is frightening, plain and simple. You don't have to be a hacker to understand this. The words and ideas are easily translatable to any time and any culture.

Crackdown

"We can now expect a crackdown...I just hope that I can pull through this one and that my friends can also. This is the time to watch yourself. No matter what you are into.... Apparently the government has seen the last straw in their point of view.... I think they are going after all the teachers'... and so that is where their ener-

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gies will be put to stop all hackers, and stop people before they can become threats."

This was one of the reactions on a computer bulletin board to a series of raids on hackers, raids that had started in 1989 and spread rapidly into early 1990. Atlanta, St. Louis, and New York were major targets in what was then an underemphasized investigation.

This in itself wouldn't have been especially alarming, since raids on hackers can almost be defined as commonplace. But this one was different. For the very first time, a hacker newsletter had also been shut down.

Phrack was an electronic newsletter published out of St. Louis and distributed worldwide. It dealt with hacker and phone phreak matters and could be found on nearly all hacker bulletin boards. While dealing with sensitive material, the editors were very careful not to publish anything illegal (credit card numbers, passwords, Sprint codes, etc.). We described "*Phrack*

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World News" (a regular column of *Phrack*) in our Summer 1989 edition as "a must-read for many hackers". In many ways *Phrack* resembled *2600*, with the exception of being sent via electronic mail instead of U.S. Mail. That distinction would prove to be *Phrack's* undoing.

It now turns out that all incoming and outgoing electronic mail used by *Phrack* was being monitored by the authorities. Every piece of mail going in and every piece of mail coming out. Those were not printed mailboxes that were being used by a couple of hackers. These had been obtained legally through the school the

two *Phrack* editors were attending. Privacy on such mailboxes, though not guaranteed, could always be assumed. Never again.

It's fairly obvious that none of this would have happened, none of this could have happened had *Phrack* been a non-electronic magazine. A printed magazine would not be intimidated into giving up its mailing list as *Phrack* was. Had a printed magazine been shut down in this fashion after having all of their mail opened and read, even the most thick-headed sensationalist media types would have caught on: hey, isn't that a violation of the First Amendment?

Those media people who understood what was happening and saw the implications were very quickly drowned out in the hysteria that followed. Indictments were being handed out. Publisher/editor Craig Neidorf, known in the hacker world as Knight Lightning, was hit with a seven count indictment accusing him of participating in a scheme to steal information about the enhanced 911 system run by Bell South. Quickly, headlines screamed that hackers had broken into the 911 system and were interfering with emergency telephone calls to the police. One newspaper report said there were no indications that anyone had died or been injured as a result of the intrusions. What a relief. Too bad it wasn't true.

In actuality there have been very grievous injuries suffered as a result of these intrusions. The intrusions we're referring to are those of the government and the media. The injuries have been suffered by the defendants who will have great difficulty resuming normal lives even if all of this is forgotten tomorrow.

And if it's not forgotten, Craig Neidorf could go to jail for more than 30 years and be fined \$122,000. And for what? Let's look at the indictment.

"It was... part of the scheme that defendant Neidorf, utilizing a computer at

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the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri would and did receive a copy of the stolen E911 text file from defendant [Robert J.] Riggs [located in Atlanta and known in the hacker world as Prophet] through the Lockport [Illinois] computer bulletin board system through the use of an interstate computer data network.

"It was further part of the scheme that defendant Neidorf would and did edit and retype the E911 Practice text file at the request of the defendant Riggs in order to conceal the source of the E911 Practice text file and to prepare it for publication in a computer hacker newsletter.

"It was further part of the scheme that defendant Neidorf would and did transfer the stolen E911 Practice text file through the use of an interstate computer bulletin board system used by defendant Riggs in Lockport, Illinois.

"It was further part of the scheme that the defendants Riggs and Neidorf would publish information to other computer hackers which could be used to gain unauthorized access to emergency 911 computer systems in the United States and thereby disrupt or halt 911 service in portions of the United States."

Basically, Neidorf is being charged with receiving a stolen document. There is nothing anywhere in the indictment that even suggests he entered any computer illegally. So his crimes are receiving, editing, and transmitting.

Now what is contained in this document? Information about how to gain unauthorized access to, disrupt or halt 911 service? Hardly. The document (erroneously referred to as "911 software" by the media which caused all kinds of misunderstandings) is quoted in *Phrack* Volume 2, Number 24 and makes for one of the dullest articles ever to appear in the newsletter. According to the indictment, the value of this 20k document is \$79,449. [See related story, page 371]

Shortly after the indictments were

handed down, a member of the Legion of Doom known as Erik Bloodaxe issued a public statement. "A group of three hackers] ended up pulling files off [a Southern Bell system] for them to look at. This is usually standard procedure; you get on a system, look around for interesting text, buffer it, and maybe print it out for posterity. No member of LOD has ever [to my knowledge] broken into another system and used any information gained from it

"They are going after all the 'teachers'."

for personal gain of any kind... with the exception of maybe a big boost in his reputation around the underground. [A hacker] took the documentation to the system and wrote a file about it. There are actually two files, one is an overview, the other is a glossary. The information is hardly something anyone could possibly gain anything from, except knowledge about how a certain aspect of the telephone company works."

He went on to say that Neidorf would have had no way of knowing whether or not the file contained proprietary information.

Prosecutors refused to say how hackers could benefit from the information, nor would they cite a motive or reveal any actual damage. In addition, it's widely speculated that much of this information is readily available as reference material.

In all of the indictments, the Legion of Doom is defined as "a closely knit group of computer hackers involved in: a) disrupting telecommunications by entering computerized telephone switches and changing the routing on the circuits of the computerized switches; b) stealing proprietary computer source code and information from computers and individuals that owned the code and information; c)

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stealing and modifying credit information on individuals maintained in credit bureau computers; d) fraudulently obtaining money and property from companies by altering the computerized information used by the companies; e) disseminating information with respect to their methods of attacking computers to other computer hackers in an effort to avoid the focus of law enforcement agencies and telecommunication security experts."

Ironically, since the Legion of Doom isn't a closely knit group, it's unlikely that anyone will be able to defend the group's name against these charges — any defendants will naturally be preoccupied with their own defenses. (Incidentally, Neidorf was not a part of the Legion of Doom, nor was Phrack a publication of LOD, as has been reported.)

The Hunt Intensifies

After learning of the Phrack electronic mail surveillance, one of the system operators of *The Phoenix Project*, a computer bulletin board in Austin, Texas, decided to take action to protect the privacy of his users. "I will be adding a secure encryption routine into the e-mail in the next 2 weeks — I haven't decided exactly how to

There is some question to the wisdom of leaving the board up at all, but I have personally phoned several government investigators and invited them to join us here on the board. If I begin to feel that the board is putting me in any kind of danger, I'll pull it down with no notice — I hope everyone understands. It looks like it's swept-up time again for the feds. Let's hope all of us are still around in 6 months to talk about it."

The new security was never implemented. *The Phoenix Project* was seized within days.

And the clampdown intensified still further. On March 1, the offices of Steve Jackson Games, a publishing company in Austin, were raided by the Secret Service. According to the Associated Press, the home of the managing editor was also searched. The police and Secret Service seized books, manuals, computers, technical equipment, and other documents. Agents also seized the final draft of a science fiction game written by the company. According to the *Austin American-Statesman*, the authorities were trying to determine whether the game was being used as a handbook for computer crime.

Calists to the *Humanist* bulletin board (run by Steve Jackson Games), received the following message:

"Before the start of week on March 1, Steve Jackson Games was visited by agents of the United States Secret Service. They searched the building thoroughly, tore open several boxes in the warehouse, broke a few locks, and damaged a couple of filing cabinets (which we would gladly have let them examine, had they let us into the building), answered the phone discourteously at best, and confiscated some computer equipment, including the computer that the BBS was running on at the time.

"So far we have not received a clear explanation of what the Secret Service was looking for, what they expected to find, or much of anything else. We are fairly cer-

tain that Steve Jackson Games is not the target of whatever investigation is being conducted, in any case, we have done nothing illegal and have nothing whatsoever to hide. However, the equipment that was seized is apparently considered to be evidence in whatever they're investigating, so we aren't likely to get it back any time soon. It could be a month, it could be never.

"To minimize the possibility that this system will be confiscated as well, we have set it up to display this bulletin, and that's all. There is no message base at present. We apologize for the inconvenience, and we wish we dared do more than this."

Apparently, one of the system operators of *The Phoenix Project* was also affiliated with Steve Jackson Games. And that was all the authorities needed.

Raids continued throughout the country with reports of more than a dozen bulletin boards being shut down. In Atlanta, the papers reported that three local LOD hackers faced 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine.

Another statement from a Legion of Doom member (The Mentor, also a system operator of *The Phoenix Project*) attempted to explain the situation:

"LOD was formed to bring together the best minds from the computer underground — not to do any damage or for personal profit, but to share experiences and discuss computing. The group has always maintained the highest ethical standards... On many occasions, we have acted to prevent abuse of systems... I have known the people involved in this 911 case for many years, and there was absolutely no intent to interfere with or molest the 911 system in any manner. While we have occasionally entered a computer that we weren't supposed to be in, it is grounds for expulsion from the group and social ostracism to do any damage to a system or to attempt to commit fraud for personal profit.

"The biggest crime that has been com-

mitted is that of curiosity... We have been instrumental in closing many security holes in the past, and had hoped to continue to do so in the future. The list of computer security people who count us as

"No member of LOD has ever broken into another system and used any information for personal gain."

allies is long, but must remain anonymous. If any of them choose to identify themselves, we would appreciate the support."

And The Plot Thickens

Meanwhile, in Leekport, Illinois, a strange tale was unfolding. The public UNIX system known as *Joker* that had been used to transmit the 911 files had also been seized. What's particularly odd here is that, according to the electronic newsletter *Telecom Digest*, the system operator, Rich Andrews, had been cooperating with federal authorities for over a year. Andrews found the files on his system nearly two years ago, forwarded them to AT&T, and was subsequently contacted by the authorities. He cooperated fully. Why, then, was his system seized as well? Andrews claimed it was all part of the investigation, but added, "One way to get [hackers] is by shutting down the sites they use to distribute stuff."

The *Joker* raid caused outrage in the bulletin board world, particularly among administrators and users of public UNIX systems.

Chiff Fignolo, system administrator for *The Well*, a public UNIX system in California, voiced his concern. "The assumption that federal agents can seize a system owner's equipment as evidence in spite of the owner's lack of proven involvement in the alleged illegal activi-

"All incoming and outgoing electronic mail used by Phrack was being monitored by the authorities."

implement it, but it'll let two people exchange mail encrypted by a password only known to the two of them.... Anyway, I do not think I am due to be busted... I don't do anything but run a board. Still, there is that possibility. I assume that my lines are all tapped until proven otherwise.

by The "Q"

MIZAR is a Bell system used by the RCMAC (Recent Change Memory Administration Center), also known as the CIC in some areas. Its purpose is to process Recent Change Messages. Before we go into more detail, we will need to familiarize you with some terms.

First off, every Central Office (Wire Center, End Office, whatever) houses one or more switches, whether electromechanical, electronic (analog), or digital. Each switch is responsible for controlling various aspects of telephone service for one or more (usually more) exchanges. Switches in general can be classified into two main types: mechanical and SPCS. Thusly, SCC's (Switching Control Centers) are divided into separate branches. There

or digital.

Basically speaking, a switch's memory can be thought of in three main parts: Call Store (CS), Program Store, and Recent Change. In general, a Recent Change Message is a batch of commands which tell the switch to perform an action on a facility (a TN, an OE, TRKGRP, etc.) The Program Store can be thought of as "ROM" memory. This program controls things behind the scenes such as interpreting and processing your commands, etc. Usually at the end of the day, Recent Changes which were processed that day are copied into the Call Store, which is a permanent memory storage area, somewhat "finalizing" the Recent Changes (although they could always be changed again). The SESS is similar to this, though it has many operational differences in processing Recent Changes, and Recent Changes are called "SERVORD's" on DMS machines and go into tables when processed.

Now that you are somewhat familiarized with some basic terminology, we will proceed in describing the operation of the MIZAR system. Like we said earlier, MIZAR processes Recent Change Messages (orders), which can be computer generated (by COSMOS, FACS flow-thru, etc.) or manually entered by the CIC. CIMAP (Circuit Installation Maintenance Asslist Package) is a sub-system used by both the frame technicians and CIC. "CIMAP's" are primarily generated for new connection (NC) type orders. At the CIC there are three main types of orders processed: changes on a facility, snips, and restorals. Changes could be, for instance, modifications of line attributes. Snips are complete

disconnects (CD's) which must be carried out on a switch in order to complete a CD type order. "Snip" is a term referring to what was done at the frame, i.e. a cable and pair's termination at the CO was "stripped" from the frame, hence a disconnect. "Restoral" is just the opposite of a snip. A cable and pair is being "restored", i.e. reconnected to the frame, and must now be activated at the switch and will hence be in-service once again.

On the average, a single MIZAR system handles Recent Change processing for about 20 switches (and it can handle more than that).

Every day, MIZAR logs into COSMOS automatically, usually at the end of the day, to retrieve Recent Change Messages which must be carried out in order to complete a pending service order. COSMOS takes a service order, and based on what is required, is able to generate an RCM from its tables in *just/rcmap* (on PDP-11's) or */cosmos/rcmap* (on 3B20S or Amdahl's) which provides COSMOS with information concerning what type of switching equipment is associated with the wire center in effect and uses these tables to create the RCM accordingly. There are four main commands on COSMOS associated with Recent Changes. They are: RCS (to obtain a Recent Change Summary), RCR (to obtain a Recent Change Report), which would allow you to display an RCM if one was associated with a specific service order (all based on the filter options you specify for the search), RED (Recent change Editor), which allows you to edit a Recent Change Message pending, and lastly, RCP (Recent Change Package), which generates an RCM for one or more service orders to be processed

by MIZAR.

After MIZAR retrieves RCM's from COSMOS, etc. it connects to the desired switch's recent change channel and the message is processed on the switch. MIZAR can connect to switches in various ways, depending

The coupled power of COSMOS and a small army of switches to do your bidding is a treasure worth its weight in gold.

upon its configuration. Switches may be accessed on dialup lines, X.25, or by dedicated hardwired connections. Switches can be accessed for the purpose of manually processing service orders with the ONS command. Once on the desired switch, it would be proper to utilize the RCM processing service provided through the MIZAR software, which will cause the service order to be properly logged to MIZAR's switch log (located in */tmp/swXX.out*, where XX is the numerical code assigned to that switch), so that all will be up to date and accurate. However, if the RCM is entered straight onto the switch without letting MIZAR's log know, then an "unaccounted for" RC will be processed without ever being logged (except of course on the switch's rollback). COSMOS can be manually accessed with the OMC command. Orders can be queued and have their statuses checked with the OMCQRS/WFviewc commands. When one first logs into MIZAR it

MIZAR is a fortress containing a wealth of resources.

are the E & M SCC (electromechanical) and the SPC SCC, which handles Stored Program Control Switches. The latter are computer controlled by software, whether they are older versions such as the 1 or 1A ESS (which use crossbars to complete calls) or digital switches such as the SESS or DMS100. Henceforth in this article, we will refer to SPCS switches as "electronic" switches, whether analog

Toll Fraud

Here is an example of the truly horrible activities the Legion of Doom engaged in. An educational article such as this is a most dangerous weapon indeed, particularly from the standpoint of those who want the workings and capabilities of technology kept secret.

by Phantom Phreaker
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Legion of Doom!

There have been many rumors and false information going around about how phone phreaks are caught for using blue boxes. The purpose of this article is to dispel the rumors and myths circulating about this topic.

When a person attempts to access the telephone network with a blue box, they first must have an area that they can use to gain access to an in-band Single Frequency (SF) trunk. This is done by dialing direct or through a long distance service. At the appropriate time, the person sends a 2600 Hz tone through the telephone where it is registered by the terminating switching equipment as a disconnect signal. The terminating switching equipment or trunks leading to this office will be reset if they recognize the 2600 Hz tone. The effect of doing this is a wink, or an interruption in circuit. A wink is heard after the person sends 2600 Hz, and it sounds like a quiet "chirp" or sometimes a "kerchunk". From here, the person can signal to a trunk with Multi-Frequency

tones in specific formats, depending upon what the user wished to accomplish. Each time the user sends 2600 Hz, the trunk will be reset and will send a wink back toward the user. AT&T calls these winks "Short Supervisory Transitions" or SST's.

If a person's central office equipment is a Northern Telecom DMS switch or an AT&T ESS switch, the SST caused by the 2600 Hz will be detected at that office and an output report will be issued from that specific switching system. In No. 1 and No. 1A ESS switches, these reports are called SIG IRR reports, or "Signal Irregularity" reports. They will be output with the appropriate information relating to the subscriber who initiated the SST. A sample SIGI report from a No. 1A ESS switch is included for an example.

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* 22 SIG IRR 69 0 000000  
0005551111 BE**9*8888888888
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We are unfamiliar with the details of these reports, but in this case, 555 1111 seems to be the Directory Number that originated the SST. Suffice it to say that these reports do exist and that they do help detect people trying to use blue boxes. SIGI is a standard feature in all 1A ESS machines. We're not sure about No. 1 ESS, but nearly all the other ESS machines most likely have SIGI or something similar to it.

In the case of NTT's DMS-100

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switch, the feature is called "BLUEBOX". The BLUEBOX feature in DMS-100 is not standard. It can be implemented only by telco personnel activating it via a MAP (Maintenance and Analysis Position) channel. The DMS-100 reports are more detailed than the 1A ESS reports, possibly due to the fact that the DMS-100 switch is much newer than the 1A. DMS will recognize the trunk wink and then output a report. The system further checks for the presence of MF tones. If the MF tones are present, and are followed by an ST signal, another report is then generated by the switch. The calling number and called number (in MF) can then be recorded on AMTA tape for further investigation by security personnel. In areas with past instances of toll fraud (blue box usage) and in major cities, it can be assumed the BLUEBOX series of features would be implemented.

In rural and small town areas, there is less of a chance of this feature being present. The plain fact that this feature exists should be enough to keep you from trying anything foolish.

Since most electronic/digital switching systems have provisions in them to catch blue boxes, one may wonder how to box safely. The safest method of blue boxing would be to not let an SST show up on your line. This can be accomplished by boxing through a long distance service via dialup

(Feature Group A or B). The only catch is that the long distance service that you use must not send back a wink when you attempt to box over its network. If an FG-B accessible trunk running from a toll office to an alternate carrier's facilities recognizes your 2600 Hz tone and disconnects, then SIGI or BLUEBOX would indicate your existence and you could be punished for your crime. So, if you must try such things, they are best done from someone else's line or from a coinphone.

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BUILDING A DTMF DECODER

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Imagine this scenario: you are listening to your scanner, monitoring a neighbor using his cordless phone. He is accessing his bank-by-phone account. He enters his password, and you hear the whole thing. But the only problem is that he entered the password using touch tones. How do you know which numbers he entered?

Or think of this: you're doing an investigation and recording telephone calls. The person under surveillance is making calls with a touch tone phone and you have tapes of everything. But how do you find out what numbers were dialed?

One answer to these problems would be to buy a commercial DTMF (touch tone) decoder or a similar device called a pen register. These items could cost you a few hundred dollars. The other solution is to build the handy "snatch 'n latch" DTMF decoder presented here for about \$35 to \$45.

This circuit uses a single chip to decode 12 or all 16 DTMF tones, as selected by the user. Up to 16 tones are stored in the circuit's static RAM memory. Once the tones are in memory, the user reads them out one by one on the circuit's LED display. The circuit can be hooked up to a telephone line, a scanner, or a tape recorder. Now let's take a look at how this little device works.

Theory of Operation

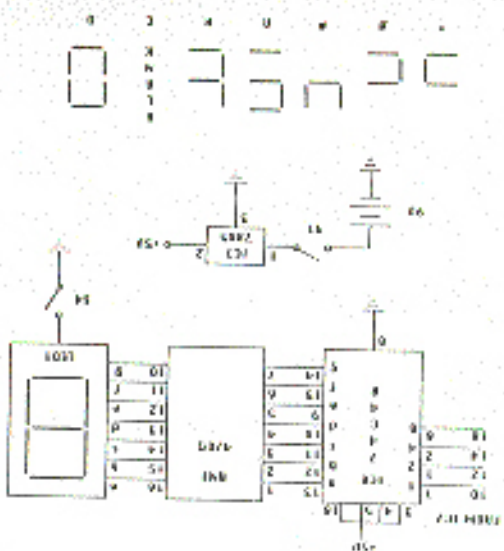
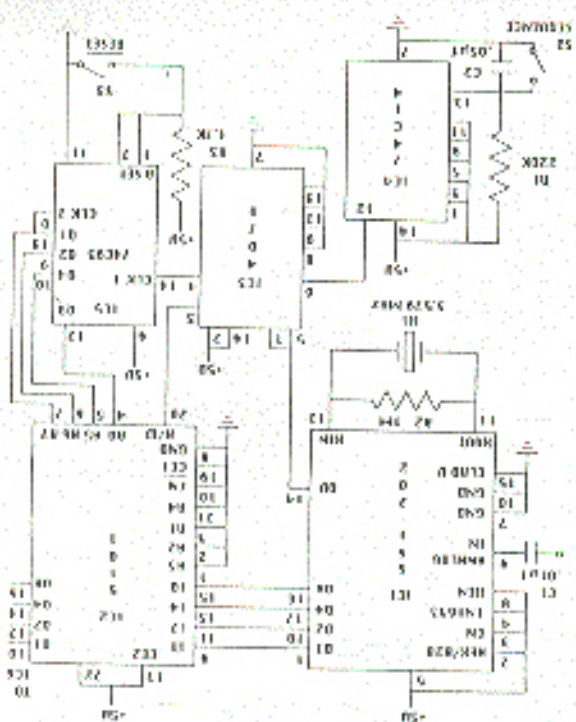
DTMF signals are coupled to pin 9 of IC1, the DTMF decoder chip, by .01 μ f capacitor C1. The tones are band split sampled and a coded output is placed on D1, 2, 4, 8, of

IC1. Data valid (pin 14) goes high 7 μ sec. after data is on bus causing the R/W input of the RAM, IC2, to go low and the CLK1 input (pin 14) of the counter, IC5, to go high by way of IC3, the XOR. At this time, the digit received is displayed on LED1 while preconditions (to write the data to memory) are established. 45 msec. after the tone ends, DV goes low, writing the data into RAM and incrementing the counter one count. Code has been written into address 00 of the RAM with the next address presented to A0, 5, 6, 7 of the RAM. 4.56 msec. after DV goes low, the outputs D1, 2, 4, 8 of the decoder clear. This sequence will continue until addresses 00 through 15 contain data. At this time, the counter recycles and data will be written over what was previously stored.

To read out the contents of memory, S3 is opened, causing pins 1 and 2 of the counter to go high. This resets the counter address bus to 00. The data in address 00 of the RAM is presented to IC6, the BCD to 7-segment driver. IC6 converts the RAM output data to a digit which is read out on LED1. When S2 is closed, pin 12 of IC4, the Schmitt trigger, goes high. This causes pin 14 of the counter to go from low to high by way of the XOR. This increments the counter and presents the next address to the RAM, and the next digit is read out. S2 is repeatedly pressed until all the contents of memory have been displayed.

Circuit Construction

There are two different tech-



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niques you can use to construct your own DTMF decoder. These are wire wrap and soldering. In fact, before you decide to build a permanent unit, you may want to put the circuit together on a plastic breadboard. The authors have built units in these three ways and they all worked equally well.

There are some important things to consider before you start. It is very important that you take some time to figure out where you are going to place the IC's to facilitate a "clean" project. This means, for example, that you shouldn't put IC1 on the opposite side of the board from IC2 because they have a data bus running between them. This may get complicated, but it is important to figure out a good parts layout before you start soldering things together. Also, it is a good idea to buy all the parts, including PC board, enclosure, sockets, switches, etc. before you get started on a permanent unit so you can plan how you are going to put everything together. In addition, unless you are a soldering whiz, it is highly recommended that you use sockets for all the IC's. This also makes troubleshooting the device and replacing IC's easier.

This project uses CMOS IC's, which are static sensitive. Theoretically you and your soldering iron should be grounded when handling the IC's. If you don't have an anti-static workstation handy, don't worry about it too much. Try not to touch the pins of the IC's and store them in a conductive foam or a piece of tin

foil when not in use.

Assembly is readily achieved using 30 gauge hand wire wrap on the back plane of a "universal" PC board (available from Jameco, Radio Shack). Once the layout of the IC's is determined, solder two opposing pins of each socket to the board and methodically wire pin to pin keeping in mind that the pin-out is reversed on the wiring side of the board. The crystal can be mounted horizontally or vertically, but the 7805 regulator should be mounted horizontally for low profile. The 30 gauge wire is soldered directly to the switches and jack. Doublechecking your work at various stages will assure a functional device at power-up. Before you insert the IC's into the sockets, check all connections with a continuity meter. Should the circuit not operate, suspect your work before questioning the IC's. The advantage of wire wrap is that it is easier to correct your mistakes.

Assembly by soldering is quite similar to wire wrap. A board with a pattern such as Radio Shack pin 276-162 is recommended. Solder the IC sockets to the board once you decide on a good layout. Solder the other parts in place. Solder small gauge wires from pin to pin on the component side of the board. Use small jumpers made from component leads for short connections on the component side and the solder side. Check all connections with a continuity meter.

When you put the IC's in their sockets, remember to put them in the correct way, not backwards.

YOUR VERY OWN TOUCH TONE DECODER

As good circuit design practice you may want to put .1 uF capacitors between the power supply pins of each IC and ground. The device will work without them, however.

After you are done with the PCB, think about where you are going to put the LED display, input jack, and switches on your enclosure. Assembly and disassembly will be easier if all of these things are attached to one half of your box.

Using the Decoder

Using the "snatch 'n latch" isn't too hard, but there are a few details about its operation that we need to observe. When you first turn the unit on, be sure to hit the reset switch. This ensures that the tones (or rather the data sent from the decoder to memory) will be stored in the first memory location. Then you sit back and wait for some DTMF tones to come down the line. When they do, the device will snatch 'em and stash 'em in the memory. When the tones have stopped, hit the reset switch. You will see a number on the display, which is the number stored in the first memory location. Hit the sequence button and the numbers in the subsequent memory locations will be read out. Once you've read out all the numbers and written them down somewhere, hit the reset switch again. You are ready to start all over again. The numbers will be in memory as long as the power is on and new numbers haven't been written over the old ones. (That's why you may want to write down the numbers,

because any new numbers that come in will erase the old ones.)

There are a few other helpful hints that can make using the decoder easier. First of all, install that switch to turn the LED display on and off. You only need the display when you're reading out numbers, and switching it off will prolong battery life. Also, while reading out the numbers, you might want to remove the device from the phone line or whatever it is hooked up to. If the decoder happens to receive a tone while you're reading out the numbers in memory, the tone will be stored in whatever memory location you happen to be at and generally make things confusing.

One feature of the "snatch 'n latch" that makes it less attractive than commercial models is that it can only store 16 tones. If more than 16 tones are read by the decoder, the counter resets the RAM to the first memory location and the excess tones are read into memory, erasing the previous ones. This is a problem since information is lost. If you anticipate reading in more than 16 tones at one time, you can record the tones on tape and play them back a few at a time into the decoder.

When using the decoder with a tape recorder, hook it up to the earphone jack and adjust the volume so the decoder will read the tones off the tape. The decoder isn't terribly picky about input levels, but theoretically the input level should be less than the supply voltage, which is 5 volts DC. When using the decoder with a scanner, it's best to hook it up to a "tape out" jack if it has one.

BUILDING A DTMF DECODER

Otherwise you can hook it up to the earphone jack. The decoder works like a charm when hooked up directly to a phone line (parallel connected), as the capacitor on the input of the DTMF decoder IC blocks the phone line's DC voltage. However, if you are going to hook up the "snatch 'n latch" to the phone line for any extended period of time, circuitry must be added to the input to protect the device from the ringing voltage. 90 volts AC on the line will surely wreak havoc on the CMOS IC's.

Applications

The DTMF decoder has many interesting uses. Basically, anytime you hear a tone and want to know what it is, hook up the decoder and let it go to work. When it is hooked up to a phone line, the number dialed can be decoded. You can also decode DTMF tones (e.g. passwords) used for services like bank-by-phone, credit card verification, voice mail systems, etc. Calling card numbers can be obtained in the same way if they are entered by touch tone. If you monitor cordless or cellular phones with a scanner, you can hear a lot of this type of DTMF tone use. With a scanner you can also decode such things as access tones for repeaters. DTMF signaling is so widespread there's no doubt that you will discover other useful applications.

The "snatch 'n latch" DTMF decoder presented here is a cost-effective circuit that is an invaluable tool for the telephone experimenter. We hope this article will start you on your way

towards building your own.

Parts List

- C1 - .01 uF
 - C2 - .05 uF
 - R1 - 220K, ohm, 1/4 watt
 - R2 - 1M ohm, 1/4 watt
 - R3 - 4.7K ohm, 1/4 watt
 - RN1 - 470 ohm
 - X1 - 3.579 MHz colorburst, HC-18 case
 - S1, S4 - SPST switch
 - S2 - momentary, normally open
 - S3 - momentary, normally closed
 - LED1 - 7 segment, common cathode
 - IC1 - SS1202, DTMF decoder
 - IC2 - 5101, 256x4 SRAM
 - IC3 - CD4070, quad XOR
 - IC4 - 74C14, hex schmitt trigger
 - IC5 - 74C93, ripple counter
 - IC6 - 74C48, BCD to 7-segment
 - IC7 - 7805, 5V regulator
 - Misc. parts: 1/8 Inch Jack, IC sockets, PC board, 9V battery and clip, 1 uF capacitors, enclosure, mounting hardware.
- All of the IC's except for IC1 are available from Jameco Electronics, 1355 Shoreway Road, Belmont, CA 94002 (415) 592-8097. They also have sockets, the crystal, and other parts. Some parts are also available from Mouser Electronics. Call 800-992-9943 for a free catalog. The SS1202 DTMF decoder IC is available from W.E.B., PO Box 2771, Spring Valley, CA 92077 for \$12.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

SILVER BOX BORN IN U.K.

by Tamlyn Gam

There was an article about the construction of a silver box in the Winter 1989/90 issue and it led me to wonder how this would work in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Much of the UK is still using pulse dialing and the use of tone phones is only just spreading. (Most still convert the tone to a pulse for the sake of the antiquated phone system.) As the use of tone systems spreads, now at an

increasing pace, there would seem to be a rich area for experiment here. It is not easy to come across a tone phone over here so I had to look for another source for the box parts. The main use here of tones is to control remote devices over telephone lines. These services which are common in the US are only just beginning to come into general use here, but we are now able to use tone controlled answerphones and tone controlled services such as voice banks and bank services. With the lack of tone exchanges and phones, the suppliers of such services have been offering small tone generators to prospective

customers (sometimes free). Any hacker worth his salt will have one or three.

I dug out one of mine and pulled it to pieces and, yes, it was run by a 5087 chip. A quick look at the circuit showed it to be the same as the phone described in the earlier article, so I fitted a changeover switch as suggested and am now the proud owner of a silver box.

I am not sure just what I can do with it but time will tell. The received wisdom is that the extra tones are not used in the UK, but I see that the telephone workers are equipped with tone generators having 16 buttons. An "innocent" question as to what all those extra buttons were for has not yet yielded results — but it will. In the meantime I will poke the extra tones about to see what they do and report back. I do work in an office with an internal tone phone service with national links to the public network so I have lots of places to experiment. I will report back here and in the meantime will see what our US colleagues turn up as they blaze the trail.

LISTENING IN

by Mr. Upsetter

Every now and then, those of us who take the time to be observant stumble across something remarkable. Let me relate to you one of those experiences. It was an all too lazy sunny afternoon in Southern California. I was bored, and I decided to listen to my Realistic PRO-2004 scanner. I

flipped it on and scanned through the usual federal government, military aviation, and cordless phone frequencies, but there was no good action to be found. I happened across some scrambled DEA transmissions and a droning cordless phone conversation by some neighbors I could not identify. So for a change I scanned

LISTENING TO PHONE CALLS

A reader tells us:

"Be advised that cordless phones are quite easy to monitor, and yours is just as accessible to eavesdropping as anyone's. But there's a hidden danger with some cordless units — they may be transmitting your personal conversations even when not in direct use! This occurs with our newish General Electric System 10, model 2-9675.

"I discovered this 'feature' one day when my wife called home while my scanner was whizzing away between 40-50 MHz. I answered on the wired office phone at my desk, with the cordless remote unit hung on the wall on the far side of the kitchen and its base unit cradled in the bedroom. Suddenly, our voices echoed throughout the room! The scanner had hit the 46.3xx MHz frequency; the base unit uses to transmit both sides of the conversation and was functioning as a wireless speakerphone!

"I should emphasize that anything you disseminate on any phone circuit may be monitored by someone — the cordless phone just increases the number of possible intercepts, and lowers the level of expertise required to violate your privacy."

through the marine radio channels.

The scanner stopped on marine radio channel 26, which is used for ship-to-shore telephone calls. A man was reading off his calling card number to the operator, who gladly accepted and connected his call. Calling card numbers over the airwaves! I was shocked — astonished that such a lack of security could not only exist, but be accepted practice. I began monitoring marine telephone to find out more, and it turns out that using a calling card for billing is commonplace on VHF marine radiotelephone.

People use calling cards for billing all the time. That's what they are for. But is it that big of a deal? You bet it is. Marine telephone uses two frequencies, one for the ship and one for the shore station. The shore station transmits both sides of the conversation at considerable power, enough to offer reliable communications up to 50 miles offshore. Anyone with a standard police type scanner costing as little as \$100 can listen in. People using marine radiotelephone can be broadcasting their calling card number to a potential audience of thousands. And that just shouldn't be happening.

But it is. And there is no doubt that calling card fraud is occurring, because of this lack of security. From the phone company's (many Bell and non-Bell companies provide marine telephone service) point of view it must be a trade-off

ON THE RADIO

for customer convenience. You see, there just aren't that many ways to bill a ship-to-shore call. Most calls are collect, a few are billed to the ship if they have an account, and a few go to third party numbers or other special accounts.

Sometimes the operators have trouble verifying billing information. I monitored one man, who after racking up \$40 worth of AT&T charges was informed that they couldn't accept his international account number. The operator finally coaxed him into giving an address for billing. Calls are often billed to third party numbers without verification. But calling cards make billing easy for both the customer and the phone company involved.

It would also be tricky for a company to not allow calling card use. Doing so would be an inconvenience to customers and would force them to admit a lack of communications security. Of course people using marine radio should already realize that their conversations aren't private, but announcing the fact wouldn't help the phone company at all. In fact, people may place less calls.

The convenience offered by calling cards makes them an easy target for fraud. They can be used by anyone from any phone and with a variety of different long distance carriers via 10XXX numbers. No red or blue box hardware nec-

essary here, just 14 digits. But of course, the number won't be valid for long after all those strange charges start showing up on someone's bill. It should be noted that when a calling card is used, the number called, time and date of call, and location (and often, the number) from which the call was placed are printed on the bill. A fraudulent user could be caught via that information if they were careless. Also, some long distance companies may contact the owner of the card if they notice an unusually high number of charges on the card.

Long distance companies bear the brunt of the bills caused by calling card fraud. However, if you read the fine print, the cards offered by many companies have a certain minimum amount that the customer must pay, say \$25 or \$50. (Editor's note: We have yet to hear of a case where a phone company got away with charging a customer when the only thing stolen was a number and not the card itself.)

So what's the moral of the story? Simple. Be damn careful what you say over any radio, and that includes cordless and cellular telephones. If you are using a calling card, enter it with touch tones. If you happen to make VHF marine radiotelephone calls, bill collect or charge to your phone number as you would to a third party number — without the last

you've found the official

2600 letters column

Clarifying REMOBS

Dear 2600:

In reference to your REMOBS article by The Infidel in the Autumn 1989 issue, the author distorted the true definition of Remote Observation in the digital age.

The REMOBS is a hardware device manufactured by Teltrone and numerous other electronics manufacturers. To say that it is a Bell standard piece of equipment could not be further from the truth. A typical REMOBS ranges in cost from \$800 to \$1200 and is always attached to the cable and pair in question at the frame (in the central office). The fact remains that the REMOBS is not totally silent. It is a mechanical device that uses cross-connect circuits to tap into a line, which obviously results in clicks and noises. Unlike The Infidel's notion that a REMOBS can monitor any line in an exchange, it is limited to a minimal number of subscriber lines and is restricted to guidelines set forth by the FCC. Ma Bell uses a series of circuits known as "no test trunks" to monitor lines for testing, and linemen in particular use software driven monitoring devices (TV on LMOs). Whether or not the observer will be heard depends upon the software selection.

To say you don't actually "connect" to a customer's line and simply monitor it is totally wrong. It is impossible to listen in on a conversation if there is no physical connection to the remote line you wish to observe (with the exception of

cellular and cordless, etc.).

MOD:

Masters of Deception

New York City

And don't forget satellites and microwave links. It's quite a bit harder to zero in on a particular conversation but there's also a lot more to choose from with virtually no chance of being caught. In addition, DHS 100 switches seem to be gaining a reputation for inadvertently allowing access to other conversations. The story is always the same: you're having a conversation and all of a sudden you're connected to another conversation. You can hear them but they can't hear you. They hang up and you get another conversation. And so on. If there are 'clicks' in these instances, nobody seems to be hearing them. Which brings us to an interesting point. If there are telltale sounds involved, how many of us know what they mean? Is every click on our lines someone eavesdropping? Of course not. Are monitoring devices becoming more sophisticated and less "noisy"? Absolutely. These facts, coupled with the increasing number of ways to listen, assures us of the fact that no phone conversation can be considered secure.

Who's Listening?

Dear 2600:

I am the victim of an "Information Source" that has me puzzled. My phones (according to Ma Bell) were not bugged and I know for a fact that no bugs were planted in my office. There was no illegal tap on my phone that I

could detect.

Someone mentioned a new tap that is put into effect by just dialing my number. There is no ring and the listener can hear all that goes on in the room where the phone is. There is also no record of the phone call. This sounds like a combination black box and some other device.

Can you clue me in?

WH

Update New York

A harmonica bug, also known as an "tubby" transmitter, is usually placed in the earpiece of the phone. A particular frequency sent over the phone triggers them to start transmitting. If this was the case here, you should have been able to find it, although some have been made to look like phone jacks. Keep in mind that this is not a tap, but a bug. In other words, it works even when the phone isn't in use, monitoring the room, not the phone line. We're talking of any "service" that allows someone to call in and do this without first having physical access to the phone. There are maintenance functions within the telephone company that allow lines to be monitored without having to install equipment, but these aren't supposed to be used outside the company. Somehow that doesn't sound very reassuring, does it?

Blue Box Chip

Dear 2600:

Although we are in the twilight of the blue box era, I'm sure many readers would be interested in an excellent blue box IC. The chip is

the Teltrone M-993 Multifrequency Tone Generator. It generates all 12 MF tones using a standard 3.58 Mhz colorburst crystal.

This chip offers several advantages to blue box designers. All blue box tones are generated accurately by one IC (except for 2600 Hz) and no adjustment or tuning is required. It does have one disadvantage, however. The IC has a 4 bit binary input for tone selection, meaning it isn't easily interfaced with a keypad.

The IC is also expensive, costing anywhere from \$14 to \$25 for single pieces. I have found two sources: High Technology Semiconductors in California (714) 239-7733 and Almo Electronics with outlets coast to coast (800) 525-6666. Other Teltrone distributors sell it too. Teltrone Corp. can be reached at (206) 827-9626.

Some distributors will give electronics companies free samples and spec sheets.

Mr. Upsetter

Bugs Wanted

Dear 2600:

If, as The Dark Overlord says, there are many weaknesses in UNIX, why don't you print a few? I frequently see messages on Arpanet saying things like "Major security bug found in XWindows, service representative will contact your site with details, disable XWindows until then" (no, this is not a real message), and there are evidently lots of administrators who know lots of easy-to-exploit bugs/holes in various op systems. Why don't you publish them? To

the first letters

Questions and Info

Dear 2600:

I have a lot to get off of my mind after reading your Winter 89-90 issue. I haven't had a computer for months now so I've been out of the phreak/hack scene for quite a while.

1. What are some of the ways that blue and red boxes can be used and detected on DMS-200 and other new switching systems?
 2. When scanning (war-dialing), how many numbers per minute does it take to trip a warning flag at the COP?
 3. Are test numbers called from a different area code billed?
 4. Are there any other hack/phreak publications past or present?
 5. Does anyone have, or has there been printed, a listing of Telenet Network User Addresses (NLA)?
 6. What is the Summercon, as listed in the winter issue's Marketplace?
 7. I have recently gotten my hands on an M-242A REMOBS unit. I have no idea what it does or how to work it. Any info will be appreciated.
- Last of all, here are some interesting numbers in the 704 area code: ANI: 311, ringback: 340-xxxx. Here are some rather different COOOF numbers: 704-334-1051, 704-334-0745. These payphones,

Charlie Brown

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of the nineties

If not picked up within approximately 8 rings, will answer with a computer connect tone, followed in about 5 seconds by a very strange tone.

CB

First off, a DMS-200 is a toll switch, meaning it's used only for long distance switching and not in central offices. The #4 ESS is another example of this. Check elsewhere in this issue for details on how blue boxes are detected.

In some places, scanning has been made illegal. It would be hard, though, for someone to file a complaint against you for scanning since the whole purpose is to call every number once and only once. It's not likely to be thought of as harassment by anyone who gets a single phone call from a scanning computer. Some central offices have been known to react strangely when people start scanning. Sometimes you're unable to get a dialtone for hours after you start scanning. But there is no uniform policy. The best thing to do is to first find out if you've got some crazy law saying you can't do it. If, as is likely, there is no such law, the only way to find out what happens is to give it a try.

Test numbers will almost always bill when called from outside the area they're meant for. Sometimes they even bill locally!

We know of no other publication in this country that does exactly what we do, but there are some that have some similarities. When we find out about them and get a hold of a copy, we generally spread the word.

Getting a listing of Telenet addresses is like getting a telephone book. It would be outdated the moment you set eyes upon it. But there are many partial listings floating around, and if we get one in the future we'll share it as we've done in the past.

Re: Summercon, it's an annual gathering of American hackers and phreaks. The details will be announced when we have them.

Finally, the REMOBS unit you have will only work from WITHIN the central office. Those units are used for monitoring trunks, not individual lines, and they're really rather outdated. Still, it can't hurt to have one lying around the house....

Yet Another Threat

Dear 2600:

I think you might find this interesting. It was extracted from the RISKS Digest on USENET.

"The Prodigy Services publication, Prodigy Star Volume III, No. 1) recently showcased a 'major benefit'. The Prodigy system accesses remote subscribers' disks to check the Prodigy software version used, and when necessary, downloads the latest programs. This process is automatic when subscribers link to the network.

I asked Prodigy how they protect against the possibility of altering subscribers' non-Prodigy programs, or reading their personal data. Prodigy's less-than-reassuring response was essentially (1) we don't look at other programs, and (2) you can boot from a floppy disk. According to Prodigy, the fea-

this is your chance

ture cannot be disabled.

I think it is obvious how to make use of this 'feature' for other purposes. Let us hope that this 'feature' is removed from one of the newly downloaded versions....

fin

Red Box Woes

Dear 2600:

Since the foneco strike in New York, the outdoor payphones that were vandalized and are now repaired do not allow red box usage. Even after putting in the first coin, using the box results in a recorded request to deposit the balance due. They must have done something with the coin detect relay setup. Indoor phones in building lobbies and stores still seem to work okay.

Curious

Throughout most of New York, a new relay system known as MARS has been installed over the last year. You may have noticed a difference in the way the dial tone appears. Some phones may not have been switched over yet. We're looking for more information on this, as well as ways of bypassing the disadvantages.

Dear 2600:

Your latest issue on building a silver box using a Radio Shack dialer was quite good. I would like to know if a modification can be made with a pocket Radio Shack dialer to build a red box.

Please reply by letter since I'm not sure if my subscription is expired.

Rhode Island

There wouldn't be much point to

to be heard

so we can all get on with our lives.

Suggestions and Questions

Dear 2600:

Glad to see your you covering phones again. Very much enjoyed the fortress phone article and had a few questions about it.

Green box tones: when are these tones to be sent? When you are still talking? After you hang up and pick up the phone again?

Red box or green box tones: do they have to be sine wave tones or will square wave tones work?

Just what are toll free 950 calls?

What is beige boxing and how is it useful? How about an article for remedials like me?

Redneck 1

San Luis Obispo, CA

Green box tones are simply MF tones used in a different way. For instance, KP is the signal to spit out the change. The MF number 2 is the signal to collect the coins. There are other tones for obscure functions which nobody really uses these days. Keep in mind that these tones are only used on analog switches. The tones must be sent from the called party. The person you call blasts KP, you hang up, and your change should come back, provided it hasn't already dropped.

Either sine wave or square wave tones work just fine.

950's are toll free numbers that provide you with access to the dial tones of other long distance companies. It's necessary to enter an

authorization code before or after entering the number you want to call. These dial tones only accept touch tones, not pulse. 950-1022 belongs to MCI, 950-1033 belongs to Sprint, and there are many others floating around just waiting to be discovered.

Beige boxing is nothing more than using someone else's phone line to make a call. This is done quite a bit in dormitories, where it's fairly easy to get access to the phone closet and do some rewiring.

Dear 2600:

Keep up the good work. I like a balance between telephony and computers: software and hardware. The international info is valuable. You ought to combine this and one of the other magazines into a real, full-blown rag like Data Communications. How about a feature on the ATT System 75/85 PBX?

Satisfied Customer

We'll look into that PBX and see if there's anything particularly interesting about it. At the moment, we have little interest in looking or reading like Data Communications.

Dear 2600:

I have asked you before, but has any new information come up on publications similar to yours in the United Kingdom or the Netherlands? I admire your persistence and philosophy, and hope that you will continue for as long as you feel moved to do so.

An Overseas Fan

There has been talk of a publication starting in England for some time. We'll let you know if any-

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thing develops. In the Netherlands, there's Hack-Tw at PO Box 22953, 1100 DL Amsterdam.

Dear 2600:

Would you be interested in an article about computer viruses? I have an Apple, so everything concerning it would be based on Apple assembly language. The article would cover how to make, destroy, and detect viruses on the Apple, and in general. I might supply a simple source code for a non-destructive self-replicating program. If you are interested.

Somewhere in the Midwest

We're surprised you had to ask. We're waiting by the mailbox.

Hotel Phones

Dear 2600:

I recently came across a very major security problem when using private phone systems such as in hotels.

Most of these have a Station Message Detail Recorder (SMDR) which keeps track of all digits entered at your extension. At checkout time these numbers are compared, either electronically or by hand, with a rate chart and the bill gets calculated.

Since I generally use alternative common carriers for long distance calls, I almost always have a local, free (350) access number.

Recently, one institution tried charging me excessive amounts, claiming that I had accessed some of the other, ahem, special exchanges (anything above zero is wrong, but I'll grant them the 25 cents if they insist) so I asked to see the printout.

I discovered, to my very major dismay, that the paper had the 950 calling number and my security code, as well as the final number dialed.

On checking further, I discovered this is not only a common feature of SMDRs, but is also on many private coin phones.

Very curious, and very worrisome.

I found a way to (sometimes) get around this. Most of the listings are limited to 20 or so characters, so I will punch in some random characters, and hit the octothorpe for a new dialtone. That way, the hotel printout merely gets the first, defective, series.

This problem certainly raises some curious questions....

DB

New York City

Why do you think so many phone phreaks work in hotels?

The Facts on

10698

Dear 2600:

On pages 42 and 43 of your wonderful Autumn 1989 issue is a comprehensive list of carrier access codes, and in the third column on page 43 is a footnote, the fourth and fifth sentences of which read as follows: "10698, for example, is used to route local calls via New York Telephone. But since all local calls are routed through New York Telephone anyway, it doesn't really serve much purpose except to occasionally get around PBX restrictions."

The second sentence of the

quoted portion above is simply wide of the mark, because you are supposed to use 10698 if you want to route certain interstate inter-LATA calls via New York Telephone instead of via AT&T or another long distance carrier. All local calls — in fact, all calls, including local, toll, and long distance calls, which both originate and terminate within a LATA ("Local Access and Transport Area") — must be carried by the local Bell Operating Company (BOC). In accordance with Judge Greene's decree in the antitrust case which resulted in the breakup of the Bell System, those kinds of calls are often referred to as "intra-LATA calls".

Conversely, all calls which originate in one LATA and terminate in another LATA ("inter-LATA calls") must, unless the decree carves out an exception, be carried by AT&T or an alternate long distance carrier. As Judge Greene put it in his opinion deciding many of the LATA questions: "Most simply, a LATA marks the boundaries beyond which a Bell Operating Company may not carry telephone calls." That's why the geographic delineation of the LATAs was so important to the BOCs. (Judge Greene's opinion deciding many of the LATA questions may be found beginning at page 990 of volume 569 of "Federal Supplement", which is a series of reports of decisions in the lower Federal courts.)

There are two exceptions to the general inter-LATA call rule which Judge Greene recognized and incorporated into the modified final judgement (the MFJ). Both of

the exceptions are in or close to our own backyard (speaking as a resident of Manhattan). Both of the approved modifications recognize and continue a practice which is decades old, and is referred to by Judge Greene in his opinion deciding the question as the "limited corridor exception".

One of the limited corridor exceptions is between five northern counties in New Jersey (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union Counties) and New York City (the five boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island). Before the breakup, the New York State portion of the corridor consisted of all the territory in Numbering Plan Areas (NPAs) 212, 516, and 914, but in his decision, Judge Greene cut the territory down to New York City only (which at that time was NPA 212, but now consists of NPAs 212 and 718). In Judge Greene's words, "The exception would allow New York Telephone and New Jersey Bell to continue their direct switching of traffic and private line demand between New York and New Jersey via Class Five, local trunks, a current 'privileged business' arrangement which would be scaled down from 516 and 914 to New York City only." (Judge Greene's opinion explaining why he decided to make a modification of the final judgement as to the northern corridor appears at page 1018 of volume 569 of "Federal Supplement".)

The other corridor exception is between Philadelphia and its suburbs in Pennsylvania, and Camden

letters, feedback,

and information

and its suburbs in New Jersey. In Pennsylvania, the territory comprises five counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia. In New Jersey, there are three counties: Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester. (Judge Greene's opinion explaining why he decided to make another modification of the final judgement as to the southern corridor appears at pages 1019 and 1021-1023 of volume 569 of "Federal Supplement".)

I suppose that in the early days when calls were handled by live operators, the high volume of calls in the two corridors prompted New Jersey Bell to find ways to speed up the calling process by bypassing AT&T Long Lines, and New York Telephone, in the northern corridor, and Bell of Pennsylvania, in the southern corridor, were willing to oblige. (One of your readers who is a real old-timer may be able to give us the correct explanation.) At any rate, this venerable practice has persisted, and was incorporated into the MFJ by Judge Greene.

As a consequence, now if you want to make a northern corridor call from an equal access central office in New Jersey to New York City and bypass AT&T (or whatever long distance company has been chosen), you can do so by first dialing "ten NJJ" (10652) and then dialing 1-212 plus the Manhattan or Bronx phone number or 1-718 plus the Brooklyn, Queens, or Staten Island number.

In New York City, if you want to bypass the long distance company and use New York Telephone, you

must first dial "ten NYT" (10698) to have the call be listed on the New York Telephone section of your phone bill. New York Telephone hints at how to do this in the white pages, but, surprisingly, doesn't give the 10698 access code.

In Pennsylvania, you must dial "ten BPA" (10272) to make a "Jersey Link" call via Bell of Pennsylvania. To make a "Pennsylvania Link" call from New Jersey, you would precede the call with "ten NJB" (10652).

So, the codes 10272, 10652, and 10698 are legitimate access codes, but only for a limited purpose: to make corridor calls via a BOC instead of via a long distance carrier.

The County Man

More Network

2000 Ripoffs

Dear 2600:

I, too, had a similar experience with Network 2000 and the Sprint card last summer in a mall in Nashua, New Hampshire (Winter 89-90, Letters).

The advertising at the Sprint booth mentioned only the FON card, and said nothing about changing long distance carriers. When I asked the woman about getting the FON card, she gave me an application to fill out. But before I signed it, I noticed in the fine print that I was agreeing to change my long distance carrier to Sprint.

I asked the woman if I had read the application right. She at first said no, I was applying for the

FON card only. When pressed, however, she finally admitted it, saying, "Well, wouldn't you rather have Sprint?" Only when I declined did she turn the form over, where there was another application for the FON card only.

Needless to say, you know which form was face up on the table, and which form you were told to fill out when you asked for the FON card. It's impossible to tell who the perpetrators were: Network 2000 or their reps.

On another note, ANI in Nashua, NH (and maybe all of 603) was 1-200-222-1111 as of last summer (or maybe it was just 200-222-1111). Oddly enough, it was given to me freely over the phone by a NYNEX tech weenie.

The Iron Warrior No Fixed Address

It may take a few weeks to get back issues, but they shouldn't be in a plastic bag or opened in any way. It could have been customs, the post office, or some crazed individual that attacked it somewhere along the line.

Readers: if anything is wrong with your issues, tell us. If there are blank or smudged pages, if it's entirely out of focus, if your issues are mangled or ripped, it's probably the post office. In that case, tell us ANI file a complaint with them.

LISTENING IN

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four calling card digits. For the most part radio communications are easy to intercept and keeping them secure is up to you.

For those of you with scanners who would like to check out marine telephone, here are the frequencies allocated by the FCC. Monitoring marine telephone is a good way to get an inside look at telephone company operations. If you live near the east or west coast, the Mississippi River or the Great Lakes, there will be marine radio activity. During daylight hours you may hear transmissions from hundreds of miles away due to tropospheric ducting propagation.

Sensitive Material

Dear 2600:

It took close to six weeks to receive my last order of back issues. Do you think customs was pulling some stunts because when I received the parcel it was in a plastic bag and the top of the envelope was ripped and sealed with scotch tape. Is this how you sent them out?

A Dedicated Subscriber

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VHF Marine Radiotelephone Frequencies

Channel	Ship	Shore
24	157.200	161.600
84	157.225	161.825
25	157.250	161.850
85*	157.275	161.875
26	157.300	161.900
86	157.325	161.925
27	157.350	161.950
87	157.375	161.975
28	157.400	162.000
88*	157.425	162.025

* These frequencies are allocated for uses other than marine radiotelephone in certain areas.

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INCURSIONS

cas (and regardless of the possibility that the system is part of the owner's livelihood) is scary to me and should be to anyone responsible for running a system such as this."

Here is a sampling of some of the comments seen around the country after the Jabot seizure:

→ "As administrator for Zygol, should I start reading my users' mail to make sure they aren't saying anything naughty? Should I snoop through all the files to make sure everyone is being good? This whole affair is rather chilling."

→ "From what I have noted with respect to Jabot, there was a serious crime committed there — by the Federal authorities. If they busted a system with email on it, the Electronic Communication Privacy Act comes into play. Everyone who had email dated less than 180 days old on the system is entitled to sue each of the people involved in the seizure for at least \$1,000 plus legal fees and court costs. Unless, of course, the [authorities] did it by the book, and got warrants to interfere with the email of all who had accounts on the systems. If they did, there are strict limits on how long they have to inform the users."

→ "Intimidation, threats, disruption of work and school, 'hit lists', and serious legal charges are all part of the tactics being used in this 'witch-hunt'. That ought to indicate that perhaps the use of pseudonyms wasn't such a bad idea after all."

→ "There are civil rights and civil liberties issues here that have yet to be addressed. And they probably won't even be raised so long as everyone acts on the assumption that all hackers are criminals and vandals and need to be squashed, at whatever cost...."

"I am disturbed, on principle, at the conduct of at least some of the federal

investigations now going on. I know several people who've taken their systems out of public access just because they can't risk the seizure of their equipment (as evidence or for any other reason). If you're a Usenet site, you may receive megabytes of new data every day, but you have no com-

"The biggest crime that has been committed is that of curiosity."

mon carrier protection in the event that someone puts illegal information onto the Net and hence into your system."

Increased Restrictions

But despite the outpourings of concern for what had happened, many system administrators and bulletin board operators felt compelled to tighten the control of their systems and to make free speech a little more difficult, for their own protection.

Bill Kuykendall, system administrator for *The Point*, a public UNIX system in Chicago, made the following announcement to the users of his system:

"Today, there is no law or precedent which affords me... the same legal rights that other common carriers have against prosecution should some other party (you) use my property (*The Point*) for illegal activities. That worries me...."

"I fully intend to explore the legal questions raised here. In my opinion, the rights to free assembly and free speech would be threatened if the owners of public meeting places were charged with the responsibility of policing all conversations held in the hallways and lawns of their facilities for references to illegal activities."

"Under such laws, all privately owned meeting places would be forced out of existence, and the right to meet and speak

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freely would vanish with them. The common sense of this reasoning has not yet been applied to electronic meeting places by the legislature. This issue must be forced, or electronic bulletin boards will cease to exist."

"In the meantime, I intend to continue to operate *The Point* with as little risk to myself as possible. Therefore, I am implementing a few new policies:

"No user will be allowed to post any message, public or private, until his name and address has been adequately verified. Most users in the metropolitan Chicago area have already been validated through the telephone number directory service provided by Illinois Bell. Those of you who received validation notices stating that your information had not been checked due to a lack of time on my part will now have to wait until I get time before being allowed to post."

"Our of state addresses cannot be validated in the manner above.... The short term solution for users outside the Chicago area is to find a system closer to home than *The Point*."

"Some of the planned enhancements to *The Point* are simply not going to happen until the legal issues are resolved. There will be no shell access and no file upload/download facility for now."

"My apologies to all who feel inconvenienced by these policies, but under the circumstances, I think your complaints would be most effective if made to your state and federal legislators. Please do so!"

These restrictions were echoed on other large systems, while a number of smaller hacker bulletin boards disappeared altogether. We've been told by some in the hacker world that this is only a phase, that the hacker boards will be back and that users will once again be able to speak without having their words and identities "registered". But there's also a nagging suspicion, the feeling that something is very different now. A publication has been

shut down. Hundreds, if not thousands, of names have been seized from mailing lists and will, no doubt, be investigated. The facts in the 911 story have been twisted and misrepresented beyond recognition, thanks to ignorance and sensationalism. People and organizations that have had contact with any of the suspects are open to investigation themselves. And, around the country, computer operators and users are becoming more paranoid and less willing to allow free speech. In the face of all of this, the belief that democracy will triumph in the end seems hopelessly naive. Yet, it's something we dare not stop believing in. Mere faith in the system, however, is not enough.

We hope that someday we'll be able to laugh at the absurdities of today. But for now, let's concentrate on the facts and make sure they stay in the forefront.

→ Were there break-ins involving the E911 system? If so, the entire story must be revealed. How did the hackers get in? What did they have access to? What could they have done? What did they actually do? Any security holes that were revealed should already have been closed. If there

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are more, why do they still exist? Could the original holes have been closed earlier and, if so, why weren't they? Any hacker who caused damage to the system should be held accountable. Period. Almost every hacker around seems to agree with this. So what is the problem? The glaring fact that

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there doesn't appear to have been any actual damage. Just the usual assortment of gaping security holes that never seem to get fixed. Stupidness in design is something that shouldn't be overlooked in a

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system as important as E911. Yet that aspect of the case is being side-stepped. Putting the blame on the hackers for finding the flaws is another way of saying the flaws should remain undetected.

→ Under no circumstance should the *Phrack* newsletter or any of its editors be held as criminals for printing material leaked to them. Every publication of any value has had documents given to them that were not originally intended for public consumption. That's how news stories are made. Shutting down *Phrack* sends a very ominous message to publishers and editors across the nation.

→ Finally, the privacy of computer users must be respected by the government. It's ironic that hackers are portrayed

as the ones who break into systems, read private mail, and screw up innocent people. Yet it's the federal authorities who seem to have carte blanche in that department. Just what did the Secret Service do on these computer systems? What did they gain access to? Whose mail did they read? And what allowed them to do this?

Take Exception

It's very easy to throw up your hands and say it's all too much. But the facts indicate to us that we've come face to face with a very critical moment in history. What comes out of this could be a trend-setting precedent, not only for computer users, but for the free press and every citizen of the United States. Complacency at this stage will be most detrimental.

We also realize that one of the quickest ways of losing credibility is to be dull and conspiracy-minded. We hope we're not coming across in this way because we truly believe there is a significant threat here. If *Phrack* is successfully shut down and its editors sent to prison for writing an article, 2600 could easily be next. And so could scores of other publications whose existence nullifies some features. We cannot allow this to happen.

In the past, we've called for people to spread the word on various issues. More times than not, the results have been felt. Never has it been more important than now. To be silent at this stage is to accept a very grim and dark future.

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WHAT MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE (COMPLETE AND UNABRIDGED)

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

the scoop on 911

Documentation on the E911 System
March 1988

\$79,449, 6 pages
Bell South Standard Practice
660-225-1045V

Review by Emmanuel Goldstein

It otherwise would have been a quickly forgotten text published in a hacker newsletter. But due to all of the commotion, the Bell South E911 document is now very much in the public eye. Copies are extremely easy to come by, despite Bell South's assertion that the whole thing is worth \$79,449.

While we can't publish the actual document, we can report on its contents since it's become a news story in itself. But don't get excited. There really isn't all that much here.

Certain acronyms are introduced, among them Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), also known as Emergency Service Bureau (ESB). This is what you get (in telco lingo) when you dial 911. The importance of close coordination between these agencies is stressed. Selective routing allows the 911 call to be routed to the proper PSAP. The 1A ESS is used as the tandem office for this routing. Certain services made available with E911 include Forced Disconnect, Alternative Routing, Selective Routing, Alternative Transfer, Default Routing, Night Service, Automatic Number Identification, and Automatic Location Identification.

We learn of the existence of the

E911 Implementation Team, the brave men and women from Network Marketing who help with configuration in the difficult cutover period. This team is in charge of forming an ongoing maintenance subcommittee. We wouldn't want that juicy tidbit to get out, now would we?

We learn that the Switching Control Center (SCC) "is responsible for E911/1AESS translations in tandem central offices". We're not exactly shocked by this revelation.

We also find out what is considered a "priority one" trouble report. Any link down to the PSAP fits this definition. We also learn that when ANI fails, the screens will display all zeroes.

We could go on but we really don't want to bore you. None of this information would allow a hacker to gain access to such a system. All it affords is a chance to understand the administrative functions a little better. We'd like to assume that any outside interference to a 911 system is impossible. Does Bell South know otherwise? In light of their touchiness on the matter, we have to wonder.

We'd be most interested in hearing from people with more technical knowledge on the subject. What does this whole escapade tell us? Please write or call so the facts can be brought forward.

fun and games

In a bizarre story that's still in the process of unfolding, hackers at a 2600 meeting in New York City were monitored by investigative agents of some sort and then harassed by a mob of police.

During the meetings, we get quite a few phone calls at the pay-phones from people all over the world. While one of us was on such a call, the strange man in the suit holding a deskphone was first noticed. Nothing unusual there;



Citicorp is just filled with suspicious-looking types.

Citicorp is filled with suspicious and unusual kinds of people. (We fit right in.) But then we managed to overhear what he was saying. He was describing what the people at the meeting looked like!

We started watching him very closely. So closely that we're sure he soon realized what a bad undercover investigator he was.

We videotaped him. We took his picture. We recorded his voice. We even tried to be friendly but he

got embarrassed and disappeared.

Ten minutes later, close to a dozen cops suddenly materialized



Who was this strange man? Why was he watching us? And what was the deskphone for?



This man found a nice post to lean against for two hours.

on the scene. They demanded to know who we were talking to on the phone. Friends, we told them. Then they told us to hang up.

"We know you're pranking 911," one of them said to one of us.

at a 2600 meeting

"Right now we're trying to decide whether or not to lock you up."

Pranking 911? They had to be kidding! Maybe a group of five year olds would be doing that, but not a group of hackers that knew all about 911 tracing capabilities. More importantly, it was something none of us would ever want to do.

We told them this and we asked if they had actually received calls from this location. Did ANI spit out those numbers down at headquarters?

The leader of the cops seemed to get confused at this point and



Close to a dozen cops suddenly materialized.

started conferring with some of the others. Then, just as quickly as they had arrived, they left.

What was it all about? We may never know for sure. But we do know that intimidation tactics and frame-ups will ultimately fail.

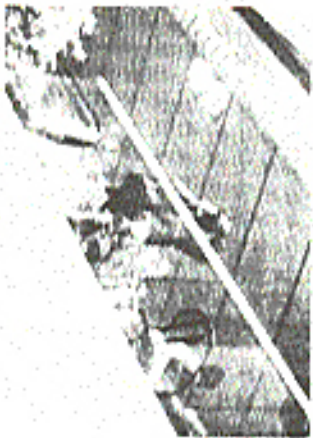
Incidentally, 2600 meetings take place in the public lobby of Citicorp in New York City (53rd Street



The leader of the cops seemed to get confused.

between 3rd and Lexington) from 5 to 8 pm on the first Friday of the month. Those payphone numbers are: 212-223-9011, 212-223-8927, 212-308-8044, 212-308-8162, and 212-308-8184.

There will be several 2600 meetings in California this summer involving American and Dutch hackers. For more information or to meet up with us while we're over there, call 2600 at 516-751-2600.



Relax, it could be an innocent tourist taking pictures of all the cops.

Data Network Identification Codes

Most X.25 based public data networks around the world are interconnected using the CCITT X.75 protocol. An addressing scheme for global data networks is the X.121 standard. Under this standard, a host address consists of 14 digits.

3110 91400123 01
DNIC NUA PORT

The above example address is the same as 914123.01 on Teletel. The NUA is the Network User Address of the host machine on that network. The DNIC for Teletel is 3110. The PORT is optional and can be excluded because most host machines will "hunt" from port to port.

A DNIC (Data Network Identification Code) is a 4 digit code that is used to identify the network which will connect you to a host machine. A DNIC is used as a prefix before the NUA (Network User Address). The first digit of the DNIC is one of 7 designated world zones.

Using DNIC's is fairly simple. For example, if I was connected to Teletel and wanted to reach a host on the Austrian DATEX-P network I would use: 4 2323-NUA's-NUA's-PASSWORDS

The NUI and PASSWORD are optional if the host machine is willing to accept collect calls. Your NUI and PASSWORD is your account that you have set up with Teletel. It is very similar to a PC Pursuit account. In fact, if you have a PCP account, you can use that to connect to foreign hosts.

The following is a list of DNIC's along with their countries and networks.

Country	DNIC Network
Antigua	3443 Aginet
Argentina	7220 ARPAC
Argentina	7222 ARPAC
Australia	5052 AUSPAC
Australia	5053 Data Access
Austria	2322 DATEX-P
Austria	2329 RA
Bahamas	3640 BaTeCo
Bahrain	4263 BAHNET

Barbados	3423
Belgium	2062 DCS
Bermuda	3503 Bermudatel
Brazil	7240 Incedata
Brazil	7241 Respac
Canada	3020 Dalapac
Canada	3025 Glasbondat
Canada	3028 CNCP
Canada	3106 Tynnet Canada
Cayman	
Islands	
Chile	3463 IDAS
Chile	3104 Eritel
Chile	7302 Eritel
Chile	7303 Chile-PAC
Chile	7305 VTR
China	4600 PTELCOM
Colombia	3107 DAPAO
Costa Rica	7122 RACSAPAC
Denmark	2382 Datspak
Dominican Rep	
Egypt	3700 UDPS I
Egypt	6020 ARENTO
Finland	2442 Datspak
Fr Antilles	3400 Dompac
Fr Guiana	7420 Dompac
France	2080 Transpac
France	2081 MTE
Gabon	6282 Gaseopac
Germany FR	2624 DATEX-P
Greece	2022 Hefpak
Greenland	2901 KANUPAX
Guam	5351 PCINET
Guatemala	7043 GAUTEL
Honduras	7080 HONDUTEL
Hong Kong	4542 NTELPAC
Hong Kong	4545 DATAPAK
Hungary	2621 DATEXL
Iceland	2740 Icopak
Indonesia	5101 SKDP
Ireland	2724 Eirpac
Israel	4251 Iretel
Italy	2222 Itepac
Italy	2227 Italcable
Ivory Coast	6122 SYTRANPACI
Jamaica	3380 Jamtel
Japan	4401 NTT DDX
Japan	4406 NISnet
Japan	4408 KDD Venus-P

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2600 Marketplace

2600 WILL BE HAVING WEST COAST MEETINGS during the month of July. Hosts from Oakland will also be there. Call 516-751-2600 to find out where exactly we'll be or to make suggestions as to where we should go.

VMS HACKERS: For sale: a complete set of DEC VAX/VMS manuals in good condition. Most are for VMS version 4.7, some for 4.4. Excellent for "experimenting"; includes System Manager's Reference, Guide To VAX/VMS System Security, and more. Mail request to Roger Wallington, P.O. Box 446, Lososki, NJ 07068-0446.

WANTED: Red box plans, kits, etc. Also back issues of Phisack, Syndicate Reports, and any other backchannel publications, electronic or print wanted. Send information and prices to Greg B., 2211 O'Hara Dr., Charlotte, NC 28273.

TAP MAGAZINE now has a BBS open for public abuse at 502-499-8933. We also have free issues.

You send us a 25 cent stamp and we send you our current issue. Fancy huh? Mail to TAP, P.O. Box 20264, Louisville, KY 40250-0264.

SUBSCRIBE TO CYBERTEK, a magazine centered upon technology with topics on computer security. Send \$10 for a one year subscription to Cybertek Magazine, PO Box 64, Brewster, NY 10809.

NEEDED: Info on speech encryption (Digicomp, Crypto). Send to Hack Tite, P.O. Box 22953, 1100 DL, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

CYBERPUNKS, HACKERS, PHREAKS, Libertarians, Discordinans, Soldiers of Fortune, and Generally Naughty People: Protect your data! Send me a buck and I'll send you an IBM PC floppy with some nifty shareware encryption routines and a copy of my paper "Crossbows to Cryptography: Techno-Thwarting the State." Chuck, The LibTech Project, 8726 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite B-253, Los Angeles, CA 90045. **BARF TEL BACK ISSUE SET** (Use TAP

but strictly telephone). Complete 7 issue 114 page set, \$15 ppd. Have photo copy machine self-serve key counter. Would like to trade for red box, minus his IC's, Pete Hays, P.O. Box 702, Kent, Ohio 44240.

WANTED: Red box kits, plans, and assembled units. Also, other unique products. For educational purposes only. Please send information and prices to: T1, 21 Rowmont Avenue, Johnson, RI 02919.

THE CHESHIRE CATALYST, former editor of the TAP newsletter, has dates available to lecture in Europe in late August and early September. For lecture fees and information on seminars to be given, write to: Richard Oestler, P.O. Box 641, Cape Casswell, FL, USA 32920.

KEEP WATCH. IWI: file space. TAP BACK ISSUES, complete set Vol 1-91 of QUALITY copies from originals, and indexes: \$100 postpaid. Via UPS or First Class Mail. Copy of 1971 feature article "The

Seesaw of the Little Blue Box" \$5 & large \$85. 9x5 cents of stamps. Rev G., PO Box 463, Mt Laurel, NJ 08054. We are the Original!

FOR SALE: Manual for stepping switches (c) 1964. This is a true collector's item, with detailed explanations, diagrams, theory, and practical hints. \$15 or trade for Appleatone Recognition program. **FOR SALE:** Genuine Bell phone handset Orange phone, pulse, noise, listen-talk, status lights. Fully functional. Box clip and belt clip included. \$90 OBO. Please post to S. Fox, POB 31451, River Station, Rochester, NY 14627.

2600 MEETINGS: First Friday of the month at the Chicorp Center—from 5 to 8 pm in the lobby near the payphones, 153 E 53rd St., NY, between Lex & 3rd. Come by, drop off articles, ask questions. Call 516-751-2600 for more info. Payphone numbers at Chicorp: 212-223-9011, 212-223-8927, 212-308-8094, 212-308-8162, 212-308-8184.

Deadline for Summer Marketplace: 7/1/90.

Data Network Identification Codes

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Japan	4410	NI-CL	U. Kingdom	2342	BT PSS
Korea Rep	4501	DACOM-NET	U. Kingdom	2350	Mercury
Kuwait	4283		U. Kingdom	2352	Hull
Lebanon	4155	SOIATEL	U.S. Virgin I	3320	UDTS J
Luxembourg	2704	Luxpac	UAE	3104	IMPACS
Malaysia	5021	Maynet	UAE	4243	EMIDAN
Maldives	6170	Meandata	Uruguay	7482	
Mexico	3340	TELEPAC	USA	3106	Tymnet
N. Amilles	3620		USA	3110	Telenet
N. Marianas	5351	PCinet	USA	3126	Auronet
Netherlands	2041	Datanet-1	USA	3134	Acconet
Netherlands	2049	Datanet-1	USA	3135	Alascon
New			USA	3135	Alasconet
Caladonia	5480	Tompac	USA	3139	Netexpress
New Zealand	5301	Parcel	USSR	2502	Isanet
Norway	2422	Datapak	Zimbabwe	6482	Zimnet
Panama	7141				
Panama	7142	INTELPAQ			
Peru	3104	IMPACS			
Philippines	5151	CAPWIRE			
Philippines	5152	POC			
Philippines	5154	GMCR			
Philippines	5156	ETPI			
Polynesia	5470	Tompac			
Portugal	2680	Telepac			
Portugal	2682	SABD			
Puerto Rico	3300	UDTS I			
Puerto Rico	3301	PRIC			
Qatar	4271	DOHPAC			
Reunion	6470	Dompac			
San Marino	2922	X-NET			
Saudi Arabia	4363	Bahnet			
Singapore	5252	Telepac			
South Africa	6550	Sapconet			
South Africa	6559	Sapconet			
Spain	2145	Ibospac			
Sweden	2402	Datapak			
Switzerland	2284	Telepac			
Taiwan	4872	PACNET			
Taiwan	4877	UDAS			
Thailand	5200	IDAR			
Torola, BVI	3483				
Trinidad	3749	Telex			
Trinidad	3745	Datanet			
Tunisia	6050	REID25			
Turkey	2862	Tupac			
Turks BWI	3763				
U. Kingdom	2341	BTIPSS			

Here is the same list in DNIC order, to help give you a sense of how the codes are allocated.

Country	DNIC Network	Country	DNIC Network
Groove	2022	Italy	2222
Netherlands	2041	Netherlands	2041
Netherlands	2049	Netherlands	2049
Belgium	2062	Belgium	2062
France	2080	France	2080
France	2081	France	2081
Spain	2145	Spain	2145
Italy	2222	Italy	2222
Austria	2284	Austria	2284
Switzerland	2322	Switzerland	2322
Austria	2341	Austria	2341
U. Kingdom	2342	U. Kingdom	2342
U. Kingdom	2350	U. Kingdom	2350
U. Kingdom	2352	U. Kingdom	2352
Denmark	2382	Denmark	2382
Sweden	2402	Sweden	2402
Norway	2402	Norway	2402
Norway	2402	Norway	2402
Finland	2442	Finland	2442
USSR	2502	USSR	2502
Hungary	2621	Hungary	2621
Germany F.R.	2624	Germany F.R.	2624
Portugal	2680	Portugal	2680
Portugal	2682	Portugal	2682
Luxembourg	2704	Luxembourg	2704
Ireland	2724	Ireland	2724
Iceland	2740	Iceland	2740
Turkey	2862	Turkey	2862
Greenland	2901	Greenland	2901
San Marino	2922	San Marino	2922
Canada	3020	Canada	3020
Canada	3025	Canada	3025
Canada	3028	Canada	3028
Chile	3104	Chile	3104
Peru	3104	Peru	3104
UAE	3104	UAE	3104
USA	3106	USA	3106
Canada	3106	Canada	3106
Colombia	3107	Colombia	3107
USA	3110	USA	3110
USA	3126	USA	3126
USA	3134	USA	3134
USA	3135	USA	3135
USA	3135	USA	3135
USA	3139	USA	3139
Puerto Rico	3300	Puerto Rico	3300
Puerto Rico	3301	Puerto Rico	3301
U.S. Virgin I	3320	U.S. Virgin I	3320
Mexico	3340	Mexico	3340
Jamaica	3380	Jamaica	3380
Barbados	3400	Barbados	3400
Antigua	3423	Antigua	3423
Antigua	3443	Antigua	3443
Cayman Islands	3463	Cayman Islands	3463
Torola, BVI	3483	Torola, BVI	3483
Bermuda	3503	Bermuda	3503
N. Amilles	3620	N. Amilles	3620
Bahamas	3640	Bahamas	3640
Dominican Rep	3700	Dominican Rep	3700
Trinidad	3740	Trinidad	3740
Trinidad	3745	Trinidad	3745
Turks BWI	3763	Turks BWI	3763
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BOOK REVIEW

The Cuckoo's Egg
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Review by Dr. Williams

Anybody who's somebody nowadays seems to write a book. Whether it's a celebrity, athlete, or entrepreneur, they all want to tell their story. Clifford Stoll is no exception to this latest craze. In a release by Doubleday, Stoll shares all of his experiences while employed at Berkeley Labs.

In case you might have missed one of Stoll's written articles, TV interviews, or lecture circuit appearances, *The Cuckoo's Egg* is about a year-long effort to apprehend Mark Hess. Hess was a West German hacker breaking into computers all over Europe, North America, and Japan through a tangled web of computer networks. Until his capture, Stoll watched Hess attempt to break into over 400 computer sites on Milnet and Apanet. Hess was successful in about 40 of his attempts.

Stoll first became aware of the hacker's presence when he discovered a 75 cent accounting error in the Unix system he was administering. One thing led to another, and he realized an unauthorized user was on his system. Instead of getting rid of the account and locking out the hacker, Stoll methodically kept notes and records on the hacker's every move. Stoll alerted all the government agencies that he thought could act upon the case. He started performing traces with the help of Tymnet, a data carrier on which Hess was placing his calls.

As his activities grew, the more interest government agencies showed

in Hess. It became apparent the hacker was coming from Europe and showed a strong taste for documents concerning the Star Wars project. The slow wheels of bureaucracy started to move. The FBI, the only agency with the authority to act on the case, officially asked for help from West Germany. With their help, the FBI was able to quickly clamp down on the identity of the hacker. He was arrested nearly one year after Stoll first discovered the accounting error in his system.

The Cuckoo's Egg excels in giving detail into the inner workings of the people involved in capturing Mark Hess. Stoll provides all of the glorious detail of all the agencies involved in the case, what their role was, what their response was to the intrusions, and what their actions were. He tells what the CIA said and did, as well as the NSA and FBI. Everybody's role and their relevance to the case is discussed.

The Cuckoo's Egg provides excellent advice for any network hacker. Stoll explains what traces took place, how long they took to perform, and what the stumbling blocks were in catching the hacker. Stoll tells how many system administrators knew their systems were actually being attacked. If the hacker did succeed in generating the system, Stoll describes how many system administrators realized it and what they did once they found out. By seeing the strong and weak spots of system operators and networks, a network hacker is more able to act in a manner which is prudent to his security, while making him aware of more opportunities.

Stoll mentions the techniques used by the hacker to gain access to a sys-

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tam, and the security flaws exploited. The security flaws are not described in detail, but anyone familiar with the computer systems mentioned should already be aware of them.

The Cuckoo's Egg does take Stoll's reactions a bit too far at times. Stoll says the hacker managed to break into an account when all the hacker did was log into a guest account. (Account name: Guest or Anonymous. No password.) He fails to consider that these accounts are set up precisely for guests, regardless of whether or not they log in for malicious reasons.

Stoll also makes too big a deal out of old security holes. He is shocked to learn the Gnu-Ernac holes, which go back to the early 80's (see some of the TAP issues). The X-Pressive hole for the vi editor is another discovery to Stoll, even though that hole is equally well known. Stoll's real shock comes at learning that anybody can take a public readable encrypted password file, and use the same password encryption scheme as the host computer to make dictionary guesses at passwords. This method is perhaps the oldest of them all.

The Cuckoo's Egg also suffers in part from its "novelist" approach at times. Perhaps as a way to stretch out the material, the book is full of irrelevant aspects of Stoll's life and thoughts which have nothing to do with the matter at hand. He constantly boros the reader with personal interactions between him and his wife-to-be, describes how he spent Halloween, Christmas, and every other day, and continually interjects his own "candid" observations of life. Stoll also brings back so many immaterial analogies and stories from his grad school days that the reader would think he spent the better part of eight years just to get

his master's degree. Most hackers reading the book could hardly give a rip about Stoll's personal life.

From the security standpoint, The Cuckoo's Egg stands alone. No other book goes into the gripping detail of the operations used to catch Mark Hess. To Stoll's credit, he kept a detailed lab book of every activity, conversation, and contact during the entire affair. His notes made for an accurate retelling. Any hacker working on a net would benefit from reading this book by learning about the weak spots in the networks as well as how to avoid being tracked down as Mark Hess was.

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925	ME	Leggett
928	HE	Albepour
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